



Thrift Savings Plan BULLETIN

for Service TSP Representatives

01-U-10

Subject: Thrift Savings Plan Investment Allocation, Form TSP-U-50

Date: October 29, 2001

The Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board (Board) has issued the Thrift Savings Plan Investment Allocation (Form TSP-U-50). Members may use Form TSP-U-50 to request Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) contribution allocations and/or interfund transfers, as explained in TSP Bulletin 01-U-3, Uniformed Services Participation in the TSP, dated July 19, 2001. However, **members are encouraged to use the more efficient electronic media** (i.e., the TSP Web site at www.tsp.gov or the ThriftLine at 504-255-8777) to make investment requests.

Distribution to the services. The Board will send a supply of these forms to each service's central distribution point. By November 15, 2001, each central distribution point should receive an amount equal to about 30 percent of its force.

Representatives from the services' central distribution points may order additional copies of the forms by using the Thrift Savings Plan Publications Order Form (TSP-U-40), which will be provided shortly. Other service representatives, however, will not be able to order the forms (or other TSP materials) directly from the TSP. Consequently, the services must develop internal procedures for notifying their central distribution points when they need additional supplies of these forms (or other TSP materials).

Form TSP-U-50 is **not** available from the TSP Web site (unlike other TSP forms.)

Distribution by the services. Upon receipt, the central distribution points must distribute these forms to the appropriate offices that are responsible for providing them to members. Beginning in January 2002, service offices must provide Form TSP-U-50 to members

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Inquiries: Questions concerning this bulletin should be directed to the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board at **202-942-1460**.

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upon request.* However, as indicated above, use of the more efficient electronic media is encouraged. Consequently, before providing Form TSP-U-50 to a member, service representatives should inform the member that contribution allocations or interfund transfers may be requested more efficiently by using the TSP Web site or the ThriftLine.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Pamela-Jeanne Moran".

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* Form TSP-U-50 should not be provided to members before January 2002 because the members will not have TSP accounts. As explained in TSP Bulletin 01-U-3, members should not request contribution allocations or interfund transfers until they receive notification from the TSP that their accounts have been established.